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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the use of Alaska  
6 physicians and facilities.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS qualified specialist care and facilities for most medical and  
9 surgical conditions now exist in Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS the proper basis for patient referral to a specialist and/or  
11 facility is the considered judgment of the treating physician; and

12 WHEREAS government interference with the physician-patient relation-  
13 ship to alter properly based referral patterns can only be harmful to the  
14 patient, the physician and the general public;

15 BE IT RESOLVED that state health agencies and federal health agencies  
16 involved in the procurement of medical and surgical health services for  
17 Alaskans be requested to use Alaska physicians and facilities when available,  
18 unless this is contrary to the wishes of the treating physician.

19 COPIES of this resolution should be sent to the Honorable Holman  
20 Wherritt, Area Director of the United States Public Health Service, and the  
21 Honorable Wallace J. Chapman, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health  
22 and Welfare.